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Annotations

Item 1
Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

1. Rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council provides that commissions shall adopt, at the beginning of each session, the agenda of the session on the basis of the provisional agenda. The provisional agenda and documentation for the nineteenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development were approved by the Council in its decision 2015/246 of 22 July 2015.

2. In accordance with the established practice, the Commission, at its eighth meeting on 8 May 2015, elected by acclamation the Bureau of the nineteenth session, as follows:

Chair:	Peter Major (Hungary)
Vice-Chairs:	A. Min Tjoa (Austria) Maxwell Otim Onapa (Uganda)

3. The Commission postponed the election of the Vice-Chairs from Asia and the Pacific States and Latin America and the Caribbean States. In accordance with past practice of the Commission, one of the Vice-Chairs will be designated to also serve as Rapporteur.

4. The proposed organization of work of the Commission at its nineteenth session (see annex I) is based on relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time frame available and in accordance with the conference services allocated to the Commission. The timetable should be considered tentative and indicative: if the Commission completes its consideration of an item ahead of schedule, it may wish to proceed immediately to the next item.

5. The Commission is scheduled to meet from Monday to Friday, 9 to 13 May 2016. The morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the afternoon meetings, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

6. The current membership of the Commission is contained in annex II.

Contribution of the Commission to the 2016 Economic and Social Council high-level segment

7. In September 2015, the General Assembly adopted the resolution entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". The Economic and Social Council will support the transition to the new development framework through its 2016 theme, "Implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitments to results".

8. In his letter of 19 December 2014, the President of the Economic and Social Council requested the chairs of the functional commissions to make substantive contributions, as appropriate, to the Council for its consideration during the Council's 2016 high-level segment, which will be convened from 18 to 22 July 2016.

9. Pursuant to this request as well as to the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 2008/29,[1] a ministerial round table on the Council's 2016 theme will be held on Monday, 9 May 2016, in the morning. The round table will focus on the role of science, technology and innovation in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The outcome of the discussion will be in the form of a Chair's summary to be submitted to the Council's 2016 high-level segment.

Documentation

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Item 2
Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels

10. The World Summit on the Information Society, organized by the International Telecommunication Union on behalf of the United Nations, took place in two phases: the first, in Geneva (2003), the second, in Tunis (2005). In the Geneva Declaration of Principles, the first phase of the Summit adopted a common vision and commitment to building a people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented information society. The second phase endorsed the outcomes of the first phase and adopted the Tunis Commitment and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, which addressed, inter alia, the themes of financial mechanisms and Internet governance.

11. The Tunis Agenda for the Information Society requested the Economic and Social Council to oversee the United Nations system-wide follow-up of the outcomes of the Geneva and Tunis phases of the Summit. To this end, the Council was requested to review the mandate of the Commission, including its strengthening, taking into account the multi-stakeholder approach (Tunis Agenda, para. 105).

12. In its resolution 2006/46 of 28 July 2006 on the follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society and review of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission would effectively assist the Council as the focal point in the system-wide follow-up to the Summit outcomes and advise the Council thereon, including through recommendations to the Council aimed at furthering the implementation of the Summit outcomes.

13. In its resolution 2007/8 of 25 July 2007 on the flow of information for the follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to inform the Commission annually on the implementation of the outcomes of the Summit, including all e-applications. In this connection, the Council requested United Nations organizations acting as action-line facilitators, regional commissions, main theme facilitators, the Global Alliance for Information and Communications Technologies and Development, and other entities, as appropriate, to submit to the secretariat of the Commission their respective reports as inputs to the annual report of the Secretary-General to the Commission.

14. The report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional

[1] Entitled "Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16".

and international levels (A/71/67-E/2016/51) aims at providing an overview of the progress made in the implementation of the Summit outcomes, highlighting examples of good and effective practices, with a view to sharing these practices and the lessons learned. The report was prepared based on the findings and recommendations of the Commission's panel discussion held in Budapest, Hungary, in January 2016, on inputs by United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, and on other relevant literature. The Commission will review and assess progress on the implementation of the Summit outcomes at the regional and international levels, as requested by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2006/46.

15. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2014/27, the Commission organized, during its eighteenth session in 2015, a substantive discussion on the 10-year review of progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit.

16. The Economic and Social Council decided to submit the summary of the discussion of the World Summit on the Information Society review that took place during the eighteenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, as well as the report by the Commission secretariat entitled *Implementing WSIS Outcomes: A Ten-year Review*,[2] to the preparatory process for the overall review of the General Assembly.

17. A two-day high-level meeting of the General Assembly (15–16 December 2015) concluded the 10-year review of progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society by adopting an outcome document (General Assembly resolution 70/125) that reaffirmed the World Summit vision of a people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented information society, assessed the progress to date, identified gaps and challenges and made recommendations for the future.

18. At its nineteenth session, the Commission on Science and Technology for Development will examine the implications of the outcome document for the future work of the Commission in the World Summit on the Information Society follow-up, including the request for the Chair of the Commission, through the Economic and Social Council, to establish a working group no later than July 2016 to develop recommendations on further implementation of enhanced cooperation as envisioned in the Tunis Agenda, with full involvement of all stakeholders and taking into account their diverse views and expertise.

Documentation

A/71/67-E/2016/51	Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels
E/CN.16/2016/CRP.1	Report on the intersessional panel meeting

Item 3
Science and technology for development

19. In its resolution 68/220, the General Assembly recognized the "vital role that science, technology and innovation, including environmentally sound technologies, can play in development and in facilitating efforts to address global challenges". This includes efforts to eradicate poverty, achieve food security, enhance access to energy and increase energy efficiency, promote global health, improve education, accelerate the pace of economic diversification and transformation, and improve productivity and competitiveness, thereby supporting sustainable development.

[2] WSIS, World Summit on the Information Society.

20. In its resolution 2006/46 (para. 4), the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission should be the focal point in the system-wide follow-up of World Summit on the Information Society outcomes, while at the same time maintaining its original mandate on science and technology for development. It requested that the Commission follow a multi-year work programme underpinned by a strong development orientation.

21. In accordance with this mandate, the Commission focuses in each annual cycle on a specific theme related to science, technology and innovation and on a second theme related to building the information society with a view to narrowing the digital divide, while examining, within its original mandate, the implications of each of those themes for development.

22. The priority themes under this item addressed by the Commission are as follows:

(a) Smart cities and infrastructure

(b) Foresight for digital development.

23. In order to contribute to a further understanding of these themes, and to assist the Commission in its deliberations at its nineteenth session, a panel meeting was convened in Geneva, from 11 to 13 January 2016. The report on the panel discussion will be before the Commission.

Documentation

E/CN.16/2016/2	Report of the Secretary-General on smart cities and infrastructure
E/CN.16/2016/3	Report of the Secretary-General on foresight for digital development
E/CN.16/2016/CRP.1	Report on the intersessional panel meeting

Item 4
Presentation of reports on science, technology and innovation policy reviews

24. In its resolution 68/220 on science, technology and innovation for development, the General Assembly extended its appreciation to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) for undertaking science, technology and innovation policy (STIP) reviews and encouraged UNCTAD to continue providing its expertise and analytical skills for these reviews.

25. In its resolution 2011/17, the Economic and Social Council encouraged the Commission to facilitate new STIP reviews, in close collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Bank and other relevant international development banks and institutions, and to consider new modalities to monitor progress for their implementation. In particular, the Economic and Social Council encouraged the Commission to identify opportunities and best practices and synergies in and between e-science, e-engineering and e-education programmes worldwide in the course of performing STIP reviews. Furthermore, the Council requested the Commission to complete and disseminate the new STIP methodology guidelines and share outcomes and best practices resulting from their implementation. Subsequently, in its draft resolution 2013/10, the Council also encouraged the Commission to enhance the treatment of information and communications technologies as an integral, empowering asset for science,

technology and engineering for innovation within STIP reviews and to plan for periodic updates on progress made in countries for which STIP reviews have been performed.

26. The Commission will hear a progress report on the implementation of the STIP reviews of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Rwanda, which are currently under way. Countries where STIP reviews have been implemented in recent years will be invited to present updates of follow-on activities.

Item 5
Election of the Chair and other officers for the twentieth session of the Commission

27. In accordance with established practice, the Commission will elect a Chair and four Vice-Chairs for the twentieth session at the end of the nineteenth session. One of the Vice-Chairs will also serve as Rapporteur.

Item 6
Provisional agenda and documentation for the twentieth session of the Commission

28. In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its twentieth session, together with an indication of the documentation to be submitted for its consideration.

Item 7
Adoption of the report of the Commission on its nineteenth session

29. In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions, the Commission shall submit to the Economic and Social Council a report on the work of its nineteenth session.

Annex I

Proposed organization of work

Date time	*Agenda item discussion topic*	*Programme*
Monday, 9 May		
10 a.m.	1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	Opening statements
		Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	Contribution of the Commission to the 2016 theme of the Economic and Social Council, "Implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitments to results"	Ministerial round table followed by an interactive dialogue
3 p.m.	2. Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels	Introduction of the report of the Secretary-General
	Review of progress made in the implementation of World Summit on the Information Society outcomes	Ministerial round table followed by general discussion
Tuesday, 10 May		
10 a.m.	2. Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels	General discussion (continued)
3 p.m.	4. Presentation of reports on science, technology and innovation policy reviews	Introduction followed by an interactive discussion
Wednesday, 11 May		
10 a.m.	3. Science and Technology for Development Priority themes:	Introduction and general and interactive discussion
	(a) Smart cities and infrastructure	
3 p.m.	(b) Foresight for digital development	
Thursday, 12 May		
10 a.m.	Informal consultations	Introduction of draft proposals, followed by a discussion

Date time	*Agenda item discussion topic*	*Programme*
3 p.m.	Informal consultations	Discussions on draft proposals (continued)
Friday, 13 May		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	5. Election of the Chair and other officers for the twentieth session of the Commission	Election of officers
	Informal consultations	Discussions on draft proposals continue, as required
	Action on draft proposals	
	6. Provisional agenda and documentation for the twentieth session of the Commission	Adoption of the draft provisional agenda for the next session
	7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its nineteenth session	Adoption of the draft report
	Closure of the session	

Annex II

Membership of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its nineteenth session

The Commission is composed of 43 members serving a four-year term.

	Membership	*Term expires on 31 December*
1.	Angola	2018
2.	Austria	2016
3.	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	2018
4.	Brazil	2016
5.	Bulgaria	2018
6.	Cameroon	2016
7.	Canada	2018
8.	Central African Republic	2016
9.	Chile	2016
10.	China	2018
11.	Costa Rica	2016
12.	Côte d'Ivoire	2018
13.	Cuba	2018
14.	Dominican Republic	2018
15.	Finland	2016
16.	Germany	2016
17.	Hungary	2016
18.	India	2018
19.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2018
20.	Japan	2016
21.	Kenya	2018
22.	Latvia	2018
23.	Liberia	2016
24.	Mauritania	2018
25.	Mauritius	2018

Membership		*Term expires on 31 December*
26.	Mexico	2016
27.	Nigeria	2016
28.	Oman	2016
29.	Pakistan	2018
30.	Peru	2018
31.	Poland	2018
32.	Portugal	2016
33.	Russian Federation	2016
34.	Sri Lanka	2016
35.	Sweden	2018
36.	Switzerland	2016
37.	Thailand	2018
38.	Turkey	2018
39.	Turkmenistan	2016
40.	Uganda	2018
41.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2018
42.	United States of America	2018
43.	Zambia	2016